



MARLBOROUGH & DISTRICT BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2015

2015 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

7 Apr. Y.E.
11 Apr. E.G. AGM (Birmingham)
13 Apr. **PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH** (plus
displays/demos/sales, etc)
20 Apr. **In-house Workshop** : Robina Orchard
"Goldwork for Beginners"
21 Apr. Design to Stitch Course (6)
27 Apr. Stitch Day

REMINDERS FOR THIS MONTH

2 Mar. **Meeting/Speaker** :
Linda Monk
"Creating Surfaces"
3 Mar. **Workshop** : Linda Monk
"Creating Surfaces III"
17 Mar. Design to Stitch Course (5)
30 Mar. Stitch Day

PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH : 13 April - 12.00 for 12.30pm

Cost is £5 per person - please enter your name on the list provided.

During the afternoon we plan to have ...

- Bring & Buy sale of embroidery materials & equipment in aid of our Branch – please bring in any items you are willing to donate.
- Demonstrations of all the machines owned by the Branch (*available to hire*).
- An Exhibition of Design-to-Stitch - inspired work.

IN-HOUSE WORKSHOP : 20 April

"Goldwork for Beginners & those who wish to retain their skills"

Please see Vernice or Kay to make a booking. A list of requirements will be provided.

BRANCH COMMITTEE

We are six months into the current membership year and, as advised at our last AGM, both Yvonne (Chairman) and Shirley (Secretary) will be retiring. There is now an **urgent requirement** to identify replacements for these positions and it is important that whoever takes on these jobs should be competent on the computer. Job Descriptions (*already circulated via email*) are available and, if contacted, Yvonne and Shirley will be very pleased to discuss and answer any questions.

NB: The Secretary's job has been divided to ease the workload and enable other individuals to be responsible for the following – Minute Secretary (*covering all meetings*), Monthly Newsletter (*collecting & collating all info of interest*), Annual Programme (*producing, printing & distributing*) and Notice Board (*updating every month with relevant info/notices*).

2016 RUBY ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION

Two or three more team members are required – please see Ann Smith if you are able to help.

The Exhibition Committee feel that a 7x7 inch square would be an appropriate size for the Members' Challenge. More information, suggestions and discussion will be offered at our Ploughman's Lunch.

BRANCH OUTINGS

A questionnaire is being sent to Members to ascertain their interests which will enable a successful outing to be organised. Please ensure your suggestions, etc. are returned to Susanne a.s.a.p. The first Monday in August is a traditional date but this is not critical.

MEMBERSHIP DATES

A list is being provided and all members are requested to please insert the date they originally joined the Embroiderers' Guild – if necessary indicating previous branches, etc. This will then enable us to identify the number of years you have been an EG member and, if eligible, to submit names for service badges.

Marlborough embroiderers' depiction of the town is back in the surgery waiting room

Written by Tony Millett - Marlboroughnewsonline - on 09 February 2015.

Members of Marlborough & District Guild combined to produce a piece of semi-circular embroidery for an exhibition in Devizes in 1997 depicting various famous features of Marlborough including the River Kennet which formed the lower border of the hanging. It took three years of planning and working from photographs and drawings to complete. Small sections of the design were given to members of the Guild to work using whatever technique they preferred. Forty regular members of the Guild took part. Some embroidered buildings and some took on smaller pieces depicting flowers or birds.

When the exhibition was over it was offered to the Marlborough Medical Practice who were pleased to accept it to hang in their waiting room from May 1997. It remained in the surgery, where it was much admired. But by 2014, 17 years later, it was looking rather tired and bedraggled and it was time for some renovation. Audrey Peck, Rosemary Hawes, Ann Johnson and Margaret White met regularly and some new features were added. These include a new Royal Mail van and market stalls - which can be taken as representing the weekly market or the Marlborough Communities Market.

Refurbishment has now been completed and the embroidery has been re-hung in the surgery's waiting room where it can be enjoyed by a new generation of Marlborough patients. Marlborough News Online must however report that when the embroidery was first hung at the Surgery, a local newspaper greeted it with the headline: "Tapestry is sew good for patients."

An article with photo has also appeared in the Gazette & Herald.

WHAT'S ON – WHEN & WHERE

Please advise Shirley if you know of any forthcoming events throughout the year

SOUTH WEST REGIONAL FESTIVAL DAY

Hosted by Cotswold

Saturday 18 April 2015

The Thistle Hotel, Gloucester Road, Cheltenham, GL51 0TS

Off A40, two minutes from Junction 11. M5

Tickets £28 (non-refundable) includes lunch & refreshments.

Please book by 21 March 2015 - See booking form for details.

Competition for Members: 'Festivals' - See entry form for details

REMINDER : Bookings for Festival Day are required to be made by 21 March - forms with cheques to be returned to Yvonne as soon as possible.

EG AGM – “A Sustainable Future for the Embroiderers Guild”

Sat. 11 Apr. 2015 : Open 9.15am – 4.15pm

Studio Theatre Library of Birmingham, Centenary Square, Broad Street, B1 3ND

See Programme & Booking form in Contact magazine (Issue 38)

BROCKENHURST NEEDLEWORK FIESTA

Join hundreds of visitors from Hampshire, Dorset and beyond at the exciting two-day Brockenhurst Needlework Fiesta on **Sat. 25th April 2015 (10am - 5pm) & Sun. 26th April 2015 (10am - 3.30pm)** in the beautiful New Forest village of Brockenhurst, Hampshire.

The event takes place at Brockenhurst Village Hall, Highwood Road, Brockenhurst, Hampshire, SO42 7RY.

Admission is £2.50 with free parking on site.

Stalls and exhibits range from the traditional to the contemporary and include embroidery and embellishment, weaving, beading, patchwork, knitting, crochet, dressmaking and much more. Both local and national traders are on hand to share their infectious enthusiasm, invaluable knowledge and experience and to supply you with all the specialist books, tools and materials you could possibly need. Proceeds from the event are used to support local textile groups and raise funds for the Village Hall Trust.

For further information please see our website www.brockenhurstfiesta.co.uk

Received from SITselect

As an organisation with an interest in contemporary crafts we would like to introduce SITselect to you and a new initiative that we are launching in October 2015. SITselect is an established and highly acclaimed arts organisation based in Stroud in The Cotswolds and we organise year round events that attract visitors to the region from all over the UK, supporting and profiling artists nationally and internationally. We love everything to do with contemporary crafts and the applied arts and we like to inspire surprise and excite audiences through showcasing the very best work from applied artists, makers, designers

The Select Showcase is a new 3 day event in our annual calendar. The Select Showcase will be an inspiring three days, showcasing the best in British contemporary craft and design, in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere in the heart of the Cotswolds. Part of this major new event will be exhibitor stands where designer makers can exhibit and sell work, meet future clients. In addition there will be talks, demonstrations, workshops, bookshop and book signings and our renowned conference. We would love you to join our creative network of designers, artists and craftsmen. Closing date for applications is April 30 2015.

To find out more about us click on the link to our website <http://www.sitselect.org/>

If you have any interesting news items or any other information, which can be included in our monthly Newsletter, please pass details to Shirley. Also, please advise if you are willing to receive the Newsletter via email to help us cut the cost of printing. Tel: 01793 525517 or Email: shirleywatson@btinternet.com
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